

The Two Captains

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CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

Crystal's face cleared a little and he smiled thoughtfully and in silence. Pope eyed him askance, somewhat darkly, but on meeting his gaze his face lighted up with one of his fine cordial, Irish smiles. It was clear from this and further discourse they held that they had as yet formed no plan after they had obtained as much plunder as would satisfy them.

The crew made merry in the dog watches that evening, wearied as they might be after the labors of the night. Just before sundown the boat-swain Grindal lurched through the yellow gloom to the quarter-deck.

"Captain Pope," said he, "there isn't a sign of the flag yet. Is there any objection to its being hoisted, that all hands may make sure of the colors they sail under?"

"Certainly," says Pope with great heartiness. "Pipe all hands aft and let them salute the flag with a glass of grog apiece."

Grindal chirruped somewhat tipsily, and the crew came tumbling on to the main deck. A bucket of gin was drawn and the hands were ordered not to drink till the flag floated over them.

Pope went to the flag-locker just about the wheel and took out a little bale of stuff that was like a pall rolled up. He bent this weird flag to the main-royal signal halyards. Then took a turn round his hand and shouted to his man to bring him and Crystal a glass of grog. He then addressed a few words to the pirates, and, tweaking the line he held, the flag at the masthead broke and blew out large, glossy, and black at the raven's wing again the fading scarlet overhead.

The whole ship's company roared out three cheers, and then drank, the captain and his mate drinking with them.

The flag was a black ground. It lacked the melodramatic ghastly devices of skull and raw bones. It was not a flag, however, that a man would continue flying. After it had floated aloft five minutes, it was hauled down, rolled up and stowed away. The men went forward, and one produced a fiddle, and many of the sailors turned to and danced in the beautiful fading light.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Earl.

The night passed quietly; and the day came dawned in sober gray, with a long lead-colored swell freckled by some sea-fowl within gun-shot of the quarter. In the afternoon of this day, the sky being gray and dry and the sea-line clear, a sail sprang up right ahead. The boat-swain put his at dinner while the skylight and reported face to face with the intruder.

Both came up idly, knowing the wind to be a little more than a small draught, Pope with his radiant spyglass under his arm. He leveled it at the sail; Crystal peered at her through the brig's telescope.

"Shall we attack her or pass her with a civil salute?" said Pope.

"Speak, Crystal."

The square man considered. When he spoke his speech was slow, his delivery solemn, and he looked fierce with his scar.

"I'm for passing on," said he. "For more, I'm for putting the brig's helm over, and giving yonder vessel a wide berth."

"What d'ye say, Grindal?" said Pope, rounding upon his boat-swain.

"This is a clear case," answered the boat-swain, "and a first-class opportunity. I'm for boarding her, taking all she's got that's worth having, removing her people, then sinking her, afterwards transferring her crew to the first thing we can pick up bound west or south."

"I'm of Grindal's mind," said Pope. "Right, if you sink the vessel," interjected Crystal.

So the order was given for the guns to be loaded, and the small arms served out. They loaded the carronades, and ran them out. The two long ones were also loaded; the boats were seen to, all was made clear for action.

"Haul up your courses, and back the fore-top-sail. Down helm!"

The little vessel was hoisted to right athwart the course of the approaching craft, which might now be some two or three miles off. The sails of the stranger were remarkably white.

"A gent's pleasure boat," said Grindal. "A proper craft for our line, I guess."

"I've been thinking that," says Crystal, looking at Pope, who made no answer.

The stranger came rippling along toward the brig with pathetic unassumingness. And she was now within half a mile, perhaps within reach of a trumpet, when all of a sudden, as though the Gypsy's true length of her had been discovered, her length of broadside with its high sheer of bow, drew like a smacker's of these days, drew like a smacker's of these days, drew like a smacker's of these days.

"Hill on your fore-top-sail, Mr. Crystal," roared Pope. "Grindal, jump forward and send a shot from the Long Tom after her, as the brig brings her to bear. Fire wide."

fully, now clearly made her out to be a pleasure vessel. She was steered by a tiller, and abreast of that long arm of brass-rod timber, stood a tall and martial figure, an elderly gentleman, in a long military cloak, and a soft black hat with a wide brim. Her few men stood with their heads above the line of her bulwarks, straining their vision in evident alarm and amazement at their pursuer.

The boat-swain had leveled the long piece 'fair at the stranger, when Pope saw that she had put her helm down and was slowly rounding, with a faint tremor of canvas, as though she shook her, into the wind's eye. Instantly the captain began to roar out orders. A boat was ordered, twelve men armed with cutlasses and pistols tumbled into her. Pope took charge with a sword at his side and a pistol in his bosom; and Crystal with folded arms and a stern black face, stood at the quarter-deck railing looking on.

The boat swept alongside. Pope and eleven men sprang aboard with furnished cutlasses, so far from meeting with any resistance they found a clear deck. One figure alone remained. He was the tall man in the cloak and black hat.

He was a noble-looking old gentleman, perhaps seventy years of age, wonderfully erect, a martial figure. He threw his head back when Pope approached and exclaimed in a calm deep voice:

"Why have you boarded me, sir?"

Pope answered, "We are gentlemen of fortune. We are sailing the high seas in search of an estate and you'll help us in that quest."

He could not but be deferential to the fine old fellow. He was a gentleman by birth, an Irishman, the son of a clergyman, and so fierce and bloody pirate as yet.

Pope's men, breathing short, looking restless and wild, bloodshot, hairy and

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History repeating itself.

It was the merry month of June, 1824. A bent and weary old man walked slowly down the gang plank of the Cupidella, of the Perkins-Morgan electrical line of marine gunboats, as the stately leviathan was made fast to their pier at the foot of Two Hundred and Thirtieth street.

A Herald reporter, who immediately recognized the visitor by reason of many years' acquaintance, hastily approached and saluted him.

"Ah, my dear boy, here you are again," the aged traveler exclaimed. "Come down to meet me for the twentieth time, shall we say?"

"Yes, Sir Thomas. Has Shamrock XXIII. left Queens-town yet for American waters?"

"Yes, and I may say confidentially that this time I have come to lift the—"

He gasped before he finished the sentence, fell backward on the pier, and appeared as one dead.

"He's only fainted," said Dr. Valentine Mott XV., as he made a hasty examination. "It's merely exhaustion caused by old age. Meantime, suppose we go down to the club and lift a few cups together."

The Herald reporter assisted Sir Thomas to a cab and then accompanied Dr. Mott to the Boney Club. From the New York Herald of June 25, 1924.

DRESS OF EARLY STATESMAN.

Kansas Representative Like Solomon In All His Glory.

The Eldorado Republican gives a picture of an early statesman and his picturesque attire:

When Hon. David L. McCabe was elected to the legislature from Butler county, in 1855, and went to Topeka to be sworn in, he astonished not only the natives, but everybody else, as he was the most gorgeously dressed statesman the county had ever produced.

He was very dark with long black hair. On his head was a coonskin cap, the tail of the coonskin hanging gracefully down his back. His coat was made of wolfskin, nicely tanned and lined with red flannel. Six handsome tails hung from his coat tails and flapped in the breeze as he meandered up to the speaker's desk to take the oath.

He wore a spotted buckskin vest, buckskin knee breeches, handsomely trimmed top boots, gloves made of beaver skin, a watch chain done in beadwork, a fannel shirt with a flaming red bandanna pocket handkerchief around his neck; and needless to say he created a sensation.

The Charms of Imagination.

The boy was of a cheery disposition and always tried to make the best of things. His mother had a guest who had attended one of President Roosevelt's receptions. The guest had commenced a description of it, and had got so far as the handshaking stage when the boy's father, happening to spy the lad listening with his mouth wide open, said:

"Johnny, you go out and chase the bugs off the potatoes."

The boy went reluctantly, for he wanted to hear the whole of the story. As he got down into the potato patch his eyes brightened and each time he shook off a bug he muttered politely: "Happy to meet you" or "Glad to see you."

"How do you do, sir?" until he forgot that he was a small boy hunting potato bugs and imagined he was the President shaking hands with a great crowd of people.

The Only Way.

"I see by the papers," remarked Mrs. Waggle, "that Pike County is so overrun with rattlesnakes that a bounty of a quarter of a dollar is paid for each skin."

"That looks like a rather dangerous way of making money," commented her husband.

"There are three must be some safe way of getting the skins."

"Yes; there is, my dear."

"How's that?"

"Wait until the snakes shed them."

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